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SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN SED GREETS SPANISH COMMUNIST
PARTY

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1. ERICH HONECKER, ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF THE SED, HAS SENT GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNIST
PARTY OF SPAIN. THE MESSAGE, PUBLISHED IN
THE APRIL 19 EDITION OF NEUES DEUTSCHLAND,
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CONVEYS "BROTHERLY" GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF
THE 9TH PARTYCONGRESS OF THE CPS. THE MESSAGE
STRESSES THE SED'S ADHERENCE TO MARXISM-LENINISM,
LOYALTY TO THE SOVIET UNION AND FIDELITY TO
PRINCIPLES OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM.

2. IN CONTRAST TO HIS MESSAGE TO BERLINGUER

(REFTEL), HONECKER USES HIS TITLE OF GENERAL SECRETARY AND IS CLEARLY SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. UNLIKE THE BERLINGUER MESSAGE, THIS IS NOT A PERSONAL MESSAGE AND IS ADDRESSED TO THE FULL PARTY. CARRILLO IS NOT ADDRESSED AND IS NOT EVEN MENTIONED.

3. COMMENT: THE STYLE AND CONTENT OF THE SED'S MESSAGE TO THE CPS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SED'S STANDING POLICY OF DUCKING THE EUROCOMMUNISM ISSUE AND NOT PUBLICLY CRITICIZING OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES (THE CHINESE ASIDE) EVEN WHERE THERE ARE POLICY DIFFERENCES. END COMMENT. BOLEN

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